

how many times editors of religious papers get curtly lectured for not printing D. D. with the names of those who somehow got that title. I dare say that many editors could tell many a tale concerning the sensitiveness of those bump-tuous doctors of divinity who love the titular preeminence. Why, dear reader, it is a fact that some men of this sort will actually write those loved letters, D. D., with their names when they send communications to some people! Do you know why? Because they want it to be clearly understood that they are an extra kind of men. They occupy the highest row of seats in their Master's kingdom, and they want us ordinary mortals to reverentially recognize this elevating fact. But if I had gotten such a title in such a manner as some have I should never, no never, want anyone on earth to know it. And, besides, I should want a scholarship to match the title. Are there any honorary titles in heaven?

#### ON FOLLOWING CHRIST—II.

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"If any will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. Lk. 9:23.

In the first paper it was urged that complete denial of all self is absolutely necessary that one might follow Jesus. It is more than depriving the flesh of some pleasures, and yet far deeper than confessing the weakness and impotency of self and the flesh. But simply taking no account of fleshly endowments or weakness.

But our Master understood how persistently and stubbornly and continually the flesh would urge its claims and desires and its fears, and in what multi-form ways it would insinuate itself into the heart and beguile the soul.

If self is to be denied there can be no compromising. There can be no self doing its best and Christ what it can not do. There can be no self working in dependence upon God's help. Not the flesh and spirit working together. But God working to will and do his pleasure. To attain this, self must be crucified and put to death. Let him take up his cross daily.

Not long ago a girl took active part in prayer meeting. A good brother said to her "that is right, take up the cross, take up the cross." But that is as far from Jesus' meaning, as the east is from the west.

Readers of social meetings and Endeavor meeting are won't to say, "Let every one take up the cross." People in trouble and affliction often say "O, it is a terrible cross, but I suppose one must endure and bear it." It may be good to be resigned in that way but Jesus meant a far deeper thing than that. Taking up the cross, to him, meant death. For his followers too it means marching to

the death of self. "We are dead and our life is hid with Christ and God." Yes self will shrink from it and cringe under the thought but nothing short of crucifixion and death of self will secure us the complete leadership of Christ.

But this old self seems to have many lives. It must be crucified daily. It is not the following Christ neither, as some might think, that is the cross. The cross must do its work before the following begins.

If one looks upon the following at the cross, self will be continually hindering and baffling and defeating. No the cross must do its work daily before one is able to go forward for Christ.

But who is sufficient for these things? Be sure that self is not. One can at best only yield self unto God and with most of us we will not do even that. But we can ask Christ to take us to the death of self. Be assured that he will do it. Then we shall gladly follow him.

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### Our Young People

#### TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Prov. 18:24; Mark 5:15-19; John 15:12-15

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How beautiful is true friendship. It is like the rainbow set in the cloud. It is like the hillside bursting into beauty at the kiss of the sun. It is like a beam of light from the throne. It binds the hearts of men together in fraternal union and teaches all the world the meaning of the kingdom of God. It is love exemplified, and God is love. Every one that loveth is not only begotten of God, but by the very act of loving manifests God. Love is a flame that feeds on love, and when two hearts meet and thrill with responsive love, the world sees and learns and is a little nearer heaven because of it.

But, alas! how often love is not made perfect and therefore discord comes and enmity. It is the mission of Christianity to make all who will receive it capable of true friendship. It is the mission of all Christians to exemplify it among themselves and to lead others into it. The Christian may be loving and helpful to all men but cannot share equally with the worldling as with a true friend. He must rebuke the worldliness or compromise with it. There is danger of becoming unequally yoked with unbelievers in our endeavor to win their friendship and thereby their hearts. Church socials carried to excess have this effect.

It is a helpful as well as beautiful study to search the scriptures for light on true friendship.

#### THE NATURE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

1. Loveth at all times. Prov. 17:17.
2. It gives good counsel. Prov. 27:9.
3. It rebukes wrong doing. Prov. 27:6.
4. It is helpful in conversation. Prov. 27:17.
5. It does not flatter. Prov. 27:14.
6. It does not gossip nor betray confidence. Prov. 16:28 and 17:9.
7. It shares its blessings. Mark 5:19.
8. It "is thicker than blood." Prov. 18:24.
9. How to win friends. Prov. 18:24.
10. The supreme test of friendship. John 15:13-15.
11. This friendship is not based on riches, etc. Prov. 14:20; Prov. 19:6.

#### FOR ANSWER IN THE MEETING

1. To whom should we be friends?
2. What are the dangers of indiscriminate friendship?

3. What is the difference between being friendly to everyone and making friends of everyone?

4. What can we learn from the friendship of David and Jonathan? I Sam. 18:1 and 20:3-37.

5. What can we learn on friendship from Christ's example?

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#### WHAT OUR DENOMINATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Read at K. C., Chicago, by Mrs. Jennie Hall.

The Brethren church has been pressing onward and outward in mission work. Our missionary interests are looked after by a representative mission board, both home and foreign. Great interest and zeal is becoming aroused throughout all the brotherhood and much assistance has been favored toward the West Side Mission which started a year ago last November. While it has had to travel up hill and down and rise up through trials and overcome many difficulties; bear the shadow of clouds, yet God's light and power has shown upon us and helped us.

So much good has been accomplished, the "light of the world" has shown in precious souls and by His power it will shine on forever. I myself have tasted of the sweetness of salvation in our mission here. Never in my life have I realized the commands of Christ and our duty as his followers so plainly as I have since the West Side Mission started. I have learned more in the last year than I ever did before. It has helped me in every way. My whole heart and soul is in God and our mission. And I believe we are going to see a good work done although we can not see very far ahead. We will take each step as God lights the way and good will be sure to follow.

#### The Story of A Life

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Jennie Cassedy was rich and young; it seemed as if all the world was before her. She did not guess in those happy care-free days that she had not yet begun her life—the life that was to bring rest and blessing to so many burdened ones, and make her name a loving memory to hundreds who had never seen her face!

Once in those far back times she went into the large dress-making establishment where one of her own beautiful gowns was being made, and for some reason was taken up into the work-room. She looked about her in amusement. It seemed to her that she was smothering in that hot room under the tin roof, with a stove in the corner (they had to keep a fire for the irons) making it hotter and closer. And oh, the women there, with their round shoulders and heavy eyes and pale, worn faces! She left the room as quickly as she could—perhaps she forgot it after a time in her busy life. But the memory was there and years afterwards it came back to her and did its beautiful work.

For into her own life came sufferings—almost thirty years of pain and weariness; and it was then she began to think of rest—not rest for herself, but for the weary toilworn ones outside. In those years of pain, so